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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: MONTHLY CULTURAL PROGRAMS: POETRY

1. AT LAST MINUTE WE HAVE SUCCEEDED IN FINDING REED WHITEMORE, POET, LECTURER, AND PRESENTLY PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH AT UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, AS REPLACEMENT FOR HOFFMAN FOR EITHER FEBRUARY OR APRIL PRESENTATION. WHITEMORE EXPRESSED ENTHUSIASM OVER IDEA AND SAYS HE WOULD PROBABLY BE ABLE TO GET AWAY FOR 2 TO 3 WEEKS IN LATE FEBRUARY. TENTATIVE PERMISSION NOW BEING SOUGHT FROM UNIVERSITY.

2. WHITEMORE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED AS LECTURER AND AS POET IN HIS OWN RIGHT. HE HAS BAIN SWIGGETT LECTURER AT PRINCETON, LITERARY EDITOR OF THE NEW REPUBLIC, AND CONSULTANT IN POETRY THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS. HE HAS PUBLISHED BOOKS OF ESSAYS AS WELL AS POETRY, AND HAS CONTRIBUTED TO A WIDE RANGE OF PERIODICALS. IN 1969 HE WAS THE RECIPIENT OF A \$7000 AWARD FROM THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS.

3. HIS BOOKS INCLUDE: FIFTY POEMS FIFTY, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

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PRESS, 1970; THE FASCINATION OF THE ABOMINATION, MACMILLAN,

1963; THE SELF-MADE MAN, MACMILLAN, 1959; AND THE BOY FROM IOWA, MACMILLAN, 1962. HE WROTE THE PAMPHLET "WAYS OF MISUNDERSTANDING POETRY" FOR THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS IN 1965.

4. WHITEMORE WAS BORN 1919, GRADUATED ANDOVER AND YALE UNIVERSITY, AND SERVED OVERSEAS 1942-45 AS INFANTRY OFFICER. TAUGHT CARLETON COLLEGE 1947-1966.

5. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP WHETHER POST CONSIDERS WHITEMORE APPROPRIATE FOR POETRY PRESENTATIONS. KISSINGER

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